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The Wilmington Times was sold Monday at auction by John E. Gale, esq., referee in bankruptcy, to George C. Dixon of South Londonderry. The new owner is well acquainted with the field for he formerly published the paper for a period of ten years and was connected with the Times for all of fifteen years. The publications were suspended several weeks ago, but will be resumed at once. Public spirited citizens of Wilmington have manifested a desire to retain the benefits which can only be derived from a home newspaper. During the suspension of the Times they have probably realized to a greater extent than ever before that a local paper is a necessary institution in the growth and prosperity of a community. The home paper is something more than a mere chronicler of happenings. It is the medium which maintains the bond of public interest in public affairs, sustains the sympathy of one neighbor with another in times of trial and affliction and binds its readers in common interest for the common good. Men of affairs contend that the weekly papers of the county wield a far greater influence than the big publications of the cities because they possess more personality and because that personality is what it is. Running a weekly newspaper in a small town is a struggle and it is this very struggle that makes the country editor what he is, a power for good to the people he serves. In order to retain this service there must be appreciation and Wilmington must realize this fact if it wishes to retain its newspaper. Actual financial support of course is the main thing, but if the inhabitants of the thriving community, with its prospects of greater prosperity, will only realize that the Times is their newspaper, will be chary with their criticism and generous with the lifting hand the future of the publication should be assured.

In the midst of many other troubles the state of Massachusetts has been suffering for many months from a constitutional convention, and one of the issues that has caused vigorous controversy is whether to include the initiative and referendum as regular working tools of the old Bay State. Massachusetts ought to learn something from the recent referendum in Maine. With five questions, including woman suffrage, submitted to the people of Maine, less than one-third of the voters of the state went to the polls. The decisions made by this minority are therefore hardly more conclusive than if made by the signatures of five per cent or ten per cent. The initiative and referendum sound well in theory but in actual practice they should be used sparingly and with caution if at all. A referendum on some great question that stirs a whole state is sometimes desirable, but it should not be possible for weak-kneed legislatures to shirk responsibility by ordering a referendum on lesser questions. If the initiative is to be used at all it should be only at the mandate of a substantial portion of the electorate and not be handed to every agitation or propaganda to force a special election any time they can secure the per cent or other limited fraction of the voting total. The too frequent use of the initiative or referendum, or both, defeats the very purpose which they are claimed to foster. If the whole voting strength of a state is called on at brief intervals to decide questions of lesser magnitude, the time soon comes when the voters will not respond. They will ignore the demand and the result will be left to the decision largely of interested persons who may have some selfish interest at stake. The initiative and referendum as they are used, or rather as they are abused

in some of the western states, are a delusion and a snare. If they are to be undertaken as a part of governmental process it should be only in response to a demand so emphatic that the importance of the issue cannot be mistaken.

**Graham for Second Term?**  
The Montpelier Argus, naturally in close touch with the Graham administration, reviews the second-term idea by the following:  
"An agreement of candidates if the war is still in progress next year, would probably give Vermont two years more of the efficient administration of Gov. Graham. In certain circles it is considered to be the opinion that the governor would not enter a contest. No governor, however, would care to face the charge of being a slacker if he were drafted."  
That phrase, "agreement of candidates," has a somewhat familiar sound and still more familiar bearing, but history so far has not recorded an instance of candidates agreeing to eliminate themselves. Yet, there are suggestive facts about the situation.

Former Lieutenant-governor Frank E. Howe is already on record as favoring a second term for Governor Graham. This, however, was before there was any serious probability of being called upon to make good by eliminating himself. In case of a draft, however, the Bennington county state ranger might be called upon to say it again.  
So much might be said of Frederick G. Fleetwood, who could hardly be expected to enter the lists against the revivalist who brought him back into public life. Fleetwood would agree.  
As for Hubbard? The urbane and tongue-tongued Lieutenant-governor was "again" the present governor's policies almost to a policy. He was the chief organizer of the Senate revolt and the chief of staff who enlisted the Supreme Court in the questionable business of defeating reform in the administration of justice.  
Would Hubbard agree? And if he did not, would it matter?  
Redfield Proctor, after distinguished service for the Vermont Red Cross is to take on the knapsack in the coming campaign. He was one of Governor Graham's dependable qualifications in some important legislation. He would agree.  
Charles H. Darling? With a campaign already well outlined, with a daily newspaper of which he is a part owner, with no great love for the Graham administration, could he or would he agree? Doubtful, one would say, offhand. Yet, with the potential opposition of the C. P. Smith element and probably of the Old Lady of the Crooked Stairs, might he not profitably do so?  
As for Governor Graham himself, he has certainly "started something" in state-house circles and there are plenty of Vermonters who would like to see him finish it. Perhaps he can do so within the coming year, and again perhaps the gradually accumulating political obligations of his position may tie his hands so he will be glad to be permitted to retire at the end of his term.  
The Herald is for Graham and his policies, and, should he declare, some time within the coming year, that his work is not yet done, it would be a hard matter for us to say him nay. Certainly not because of the impressive qualities of the standing timber already nicked for selection.  
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**SPACE ECONOMY.**  
How to Keep House in a Single Room if Need Be.  
The fact is that old fashioned houses have their advantages and disadvantages in these days of kitchenette apartments, but one such has a distinct advantage over the more cramped quarters. It has lingered on after its more respectable mates have been torn down or turned into stores or apartments. In an old landmark in St. Louis there is a certain large room, once used as a drawing room in the days when that part of the city knew its brown stone fronts and handsome carriages. There is a large bay window in the room, with an especially large fireplace. In the window of this room a young business woman makes her home here has placed across one corner a large divan, across the other a folding table, covered with an oilcloth and ready for instant use. Near this is a sheet iron oven, which can be used for baking of any kind.  
In the fireplace she has a handy little gas stove on a box, the metal pipe which feeds it being attached to the old chandelier in the center of the room. Beside the stove is an improved cooking table, in the shape of a folding work table, covered with an oilcloth and ready for instant use. Near this is a sheet iron oven, which can be used for baking of any kind.  
In the closets, near the fireplace, are shelves, upon which are supplies in tin cans and jars. A tin box is used to keep any food which is left over, and on another shelf are dishes. All the odds and ends of the chimney, and when not in use the housekeeper draws a screen in front and so has a delightfully furnished living room.  
Upon one of the closet doors she keeps in deathly boxes, partitioned off to suit, all kinds of cooking utensils and other articles needed in the preparation of her meal.  
"Words are inadequate to express my love,"  
"I know they are, Ferd," said the dear girl. "Try candy and violets."  
Louisville Courier-Journal.

**A Necessary Preliminary.**  
Queen Margherita of Italy once visited the Montessori schools in Rome and during her brief stay requested a little girl who was engaged in putting in order a box of cut-out letters to spell some words for her. The child did not heed the request, but went on calmly dropping each letter into the right compartment. An older person standing near, horrified at the child's indifference, exclaimed:  
"But, Rosa, you must pay attention! This is the queen!"  
"I know that," the child answered respectfully. "But the queen knows that before I begin to spell I must finish my work of putting the alphabet in order!"

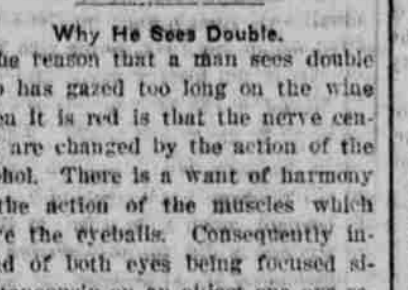
**Why He Sees Double.**  
The reason that a man sees double who has gazed too long on the wine when it is red is that the nerve centers are changed by the action of the alcohol. There is a want of harmony in the action of the muscles which move the eyeballs. Consequently instead of both eyes being focused simultaneously on an object one eye receives an impression independently of the other. The two impressions are communicated to the brain, and the object is therefore seen twice. The inflamed condition and loss of energy in the brain centers from overdoes of alcohol also account for the staggering gait of an intoxicated man.

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